IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR

THURSDAY, THE 23RD AUGUST 2007 / 1ST BHADRA 1929

WP(C).No. 23788 of 2007(F)

PETITIONERS:

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1. MUNDOOL RAVEENDRAN,
   S/O.NARAYANAN, KURUMATHUR P.O.,
   KARIMBAM VIA, KANNUR DIST.

2. A.K.PADMANABHAN,
   S/O.NARAYANAN, KURUMATHUR P.O.,
   KARIMBAM VIA, KANNUR DISTRICT.

3. P.V.HAMSA, S/O.AHAMMEDKUTTY,
   KURUMATHUR PO., KARIMBAM VIA., KANNUR DIST.

4. A.K.KANNAN, S/O.A.K.RAMAN NAIR,
   KURUMATHUR P.O., KARIMBAM VIA.,
   KANNUR DIST.

5. P.KUNHIRAMAN, S/O.K.KORAN,
   KURUMATHUR P.O.,
   KARIMBAM VIA., KANNUR DIST.

6. P.NARAYANAN, S/O.K.KORAN,
   KURUMATHUR P.O.,
   KARIMBAM VIA., KANNUR DISTRICT.

7. K.V.NARAYANAN,
   S/O.KRISHNAN NAIR,
   KURAMATHUR P.O., KARIMBAM VIA., KANNUR DIST.

8. M.V.KAMALAKSHI, D/O.ACHUTHAN,
   KURUMATHUR P.O., KARIMBAM VIA.,
   KANNUR DIST.

9. P.V.PARUKUTTY MARASYAR,
   D/O.ANANDAN, KURUMATHUR P.O.,
   KARIMBAM VIA., KANNUR DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.KALEESWARAM RAJ

RESPONDENTS:

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1. KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD,
   REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY,
   KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD,
   VAIDYUTHI BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD,
ELECTRICAL DIVISION,
PAYYANNUR, KANNUR DIST.

3. THE DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEER,
KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD,
ELECTRICAL CIRCEL,
SREEKANDAPURAM, KANNUR DIST.

4. THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD,
ELECTRICAL SUB DIVISION,'
TALIPARAMBA, KANNUR DIST.

5. THE ASSISTANT ENGINEER,
KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD,
ELECTRICAL SECTION,
KARIBAM, KANNUR DIST.

BY SC SRI. P.P. THAJUDEEN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 23/08/2007, ALONG WITH WPC NO. 23796 OF 2007 THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR,J.

W.P.C. NO. 23788 & 23796 OF 2007

Dated this the 23rd day of August, 2007

JUDGMENT

In both the WPCs. prayer is for direction to the Ele. Board to give electric connection pursuant to minimum guarantee agreement executed by the petitioners in 1999-2000. Standing counsel for Ele. Board submitted that the projects are included in the Central Scheme. According to the petitioners what is required is only drawal of half a KM electric line. I do not think there is any justification to delay connection to the domestic consumers and applicants for agricultural connection, particularly in village areas. If the project cost is high, applicants in the area can contribute and deposit the capital cost involved for drawing line. Standing counsel submitted that payment of cost by consumers is specifically provided in clause 7 of Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission notification dated 23.3.2005. Probably Panchayat can get the applicants together, collect cost and co-ordinate with Ele. Board to give supply to the petitioners without any delay. If the petitioners arrange for deposit of entire cost of

electrification, there will be direction to the Ele. Board to draw the line and given connection without any delay. Connection should be given within three months from the date of deposit in terms of demand by Ele. Board.

WPCs are disposed of as above.

(C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR)
Judge